

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. The amendment raises no new issues and places the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 9-15 and 17-20 are now pending in this application. Claims 9, 17 and 19 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

This amendment adds no new matter. The specification (page 9, lines 1-7) supports the amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a)

The amendments herein adding an "adjusting" step to the independent claims obviate the grounds of rejection. The art of record does not disclose or suggest a step of adjusting responses to match the relative human response, or to mimic human nose detection ability.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.